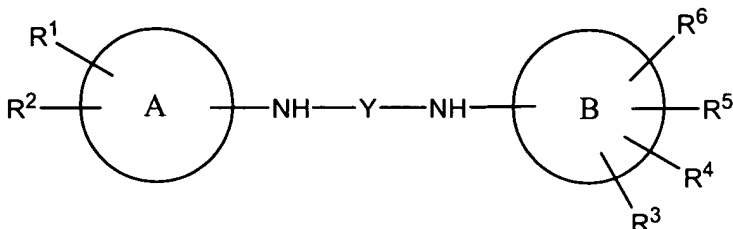


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 9-17 and amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (I)



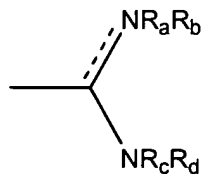
or a salt thereof, where

Y is C=O, C=S, C=NH, (C=O)<sub>2</sub> or SO<sub>2</sub>

(A) and (B) are each independently an aromatic hydrocarbon group which optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, O, and N, wherein the heteroatom N is optionally substituted with R', and/or the heteroatom S is optionally bonded to =O or (=O)<sub>2</sub>;

R' is hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, and heteroaryl;

R<sup>1</sup> is



where R<sub>a</sub> and R<sub>c</sub> are each independently hydrogen, -O-(CO)-R' (where R' is as defined above), hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an

unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, heteroaryl;  $R_b$  is an optional substituent which may be independent of  $R_a$  and  $R_c$  and may be selected from the group as defined above for  $R_a$  and  $R_c$ ;  $R_d$  is hydrogen or one of the following groups:

$-(CO)-R_e$  where  $R_e$  is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkylamino, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, aminoalkyl or alkylamino group;

$-(CH_2)_n-R_f$  where  $R_f$  is independently hydrogen, a hydroxy-alkyl, an alkyl, an allyl, an amino, an alkylamino, a morpholino, 2-tetrahydrofuran, N-pyrrolidino, a 3-pyridyl, a phenyl, a benzyl, a biphenyl or another heterocyclic group and  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$-NR_aR_b$  where  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  are defined above;

or  $R_a$  forms together with  $R_d$  a 5- or 6- membered unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic ring which optionally has 0 to 3 substituents  $R''$ ;

the dotted line means a double bond unless there is a substituent  $R_b$ , in the formula of  $R^1$  as defined above.

$R''$  is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, aminoalkyl, halogen,  $-CO_2R'$ ,  $-CR'O$ , haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-CN$ , hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, alkylamino or aminoalkyl group or a double bonded oxygen, wherein  $R'$  is as defined above;

$R^2$  is a hydrogen, a halogen, alkoxy, alkylthio,  $-CO_2R'$ ,  $-CR'O$ , haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-CN$ , hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino or an aminoalkyl group;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen, a halogen, haloalkyl, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CN, an alkyl or an aryl group;

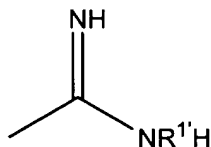
R<sup>4</sup> is a hydrogen or a group capable of hydrogen bond formation except for a group as defined for substituent R<sup>1</sup>;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or, independently of R<sup>4</sup>, a group selected from the groups as defined above for R<sup>4</sup>;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or, independently of R<sup>2</sup>, a group selected from the groups as defined above for R<sup>2</sup>; and

with the proviso that ~~the a compounds~~ compound of the formula (I) ~~are~~ is not ~~a~~ a ~~compounds~~ compound

(a) in which Y is equal to C=O, both (A) and (B) are a phenyl group, and R<sup>1</sup> is the group

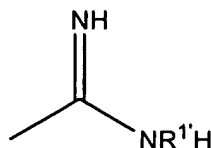


where R<sup>1'</sup> is hydrogen or phenyl, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> are identical and are hydrogen and R<sup>4</sup> is phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy, chloro or a dimethylamino group in the 3- or 4-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula(I); ~~and~~ or

(b) ~~compounds~~ in which (A) and (B) are phenyl and R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> or R<sup>6</sup> are in the ortho-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula (I).

2. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to Claim 1 with the proviso

that the compounds of the formula (I) are not compounds in which Y is equal to C=O, (B) is a benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, l-alkylindol or aryl (optionally substituted by alkyl, halogen, trihaloalkoxy or N,N-dialkylamino) and R<sup>1</sup> is the group



where R<sup>1'</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl, l-alkylindolyl or alkylthio.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to Claim 1, wherein (A) and (B) are both a phenyl group.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and/or R<sup>6</sup> are hydrogen.
5. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is an optionally substituted or cyclic amidine.
6. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>a</sub> and/or R<sub>c</sub> are hydrogen and/or R<sub>b</sub> is not present.
7. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is an arylsulphone, sulphonamide, alkylsulphonamide, arylsulphonamide, alkylsulphone or arylalkylsulfonamide where the substituents are independently one or more of the following groups: hydrogen, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, CONRR', SO<sup>2</sup>NRR', CO<sub>2</sub>R and sulphonamide, where R and R' independently are as defined above.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1 as a medicament.

9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound according to Claim 1 in combination with other active compounds.